Permission for Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel Buses

2375. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the private bus operators of the capital have sought permission to ply buses on ultra low sulphur diesel having 0.05 per cent of sulphur as it is permitted in world over;

(b) whether a clear cut transport policy for the National Capital Region is a must; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction on both the issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government had sought permission of the Supreme Court to direct that the city bus fleet in the National Capital Territory of Delhi may comprise of Bharat Stage-II emission complaint buses using CNG or diesel as fuel, and that the bus operators should have the option to ply Bharat State-II emission complaint buses using either CNG or 0.05% max. sulphur diesel subject to such conditions as the Court may like to lay down. The Supreme Court did not give permission for the above. Petrol and diesel of improved quality is being supplied to the National Capital Region of Delhi to enable new vehicles to be of Bharat Stage-II technology and emission complaint. The NCR Planning Board Act, 1985 envisages evolving harmonized policies for the control of land uses and development of infrastructure in the National Capital Region so as to avoid any haphazard development thereof. The Regional Plan of NCR 2001 indicated that a sound Transport Policy will be a catalyst for the growth and economic development of the region and also influence the direction of growth.

Demand and Supply of Petroleum Products

2376. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the gap between demand and supply of petrol and petroleum products during the last two years;

(b) the quantum of production, consumption and import of petrol and petroleum products and foreign exchange spent thereon during the corresponding period; and